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MITCHELL MAY GO NORTH.

Manager of La Cobreza Interested in New Mining Syndicate.

The Arizona Gazette of recent date says:

Rumors are afloat of the prospective organization of what promises to become the largest copper mining syndicate in the state of Arizona.

The property which will form the base of operations of the company is not a new one. It is located in the northern part of the state and according to reports is of great magnitude, nature performing considerable development work in exposing immense bodies of copper ore.

Locators in doing their annual assessments have also added to the development, and there is reported to be a sufficient amount of ore already in sight to justify the immediate erection of a reduction plant and keep it in operation for many months without any further development.

The ore is a combination of silicate and carbonates and is identical in character with the ores of the Ajo district, except where that runs from one per cent to two or three, this ore runs from four and twelve to as high as twenty. Treated by the same leaching process used at Ajo, and which was developed by the Cornelia company, copper can be turned out at less cost than by any other copper company in the state.

Among the local men interested in the enterprise is Robt. Mitchell, manager of the La Cobreza mine in Mexico, south of Nogales and one of the best known and most experienced copper smelting men in the state. It is he that introduced the converter system at the smelter of the United Verde mines at Jerome and he has been successful in every enterprise he has ever been associated with from the fact that he carefully looks into the possibilities of a property before identifying himself with it. According to W. E. Defty, another conservative local mining engineer, Mitchell will shortly visit the property and make examination of it with a view of determining the details concerning its further development, and the equipment required for reducing the ore to a marketable product.

Unlike many copper properties no smelter will be required, and the leaching plant can be placed upon it in a very short time, so that the active production of copper can be commenced at a very much earlier date than where a smelter is required.

A number of New York capitalists have become interested in the enterprise so that while it is yet embryo, the future success seems assured.

The legal affairs are being looked after by Joseph E. Morrison, who has acted in this capacity for some of the largest mining corporations now in operation in Arizona.

Improvements for Ft. Huachuca.

J. M. Sparks, who was the contractor for the large improvements recently made at Fort Huachuca, has received a letter from the government officials notifying him that there are to be further improvements made at the post, for which an appropriation of \$100,000 has been set aside. Bids will be opened May 15 and the contract let at that time. Mr. Sparks will probably be one of the bidders.

The buildings to be bid on are an administration building, two double sets of captains' quarters, four stables, guardhouse and blacksmith buildings, one quartermaster corps' barracks building and a laundry building.

The laundry building is one which has been planned for some time. It will be fitted up in a most modern manner, having all of the latest labor-saving appliances in it.—Ex.

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ARIZONA NOTES.

Items of Interest Culled From Our Exchanges.

A transaction resulting in the change of ownership of the Bank of Benson has taken place within the past few days.

Johnson is coming right to the front. The camp is enjoying a greater degree of prosperity than at any time in its history.

A decree issued by Carranza announces that the new issue of paper money will be worth 20 cents Mexican or 10 cents American. The present paper peso has a value of a little less than three cents American.

Supt. H. Q. Robertson has taken the initiative for the formation of a state association of high school rifle clubs. He has sent out circular letters to all the different high schools inviting them to take part in the first annual match at Benson, May 6.

That the historic old "Modoc" stage coach has been sold to Tucson parties, who will turn present it to the University of Arizona for preservation in the museum of that institution, is the announcement forthcoming, shortly after the news item to that effect appearing in these columns under a Tucson date line.—Prospector.

A regular army of 180,000 men at peace strength has practically been agreed upon by senate and house conferees on the army bill. With the plan for expansion as provided in the bill which passed the senate, this would produce an army of about 250,000 men in war strength. The bill as it passed the senate fixed the peace strength at 250,000.

Potash salts were produced in the United States in 1915 to the amount of \$342,000, according to the United States Geological Survey. Though this figure is of interest as showing a small beginning in the domestic potash industry, it becomes of little importance if the total needs of the country are considered, for it represents a quantity consumed in less than a week under normal conditions.

PATAGONIA.

Interesting News Items Clipped From the Patagonian.

Frank Reichert was in town Tuesday from Alto, where he reports considerable mining activity at the present time.

Colin Timmons, the engineer, has secured control of the Blue Lead, a few miles northwest of town, and work is expected to commence within a short time.

Two caterpillar trucks arrived in Patagonia Thursday, one for use by the county on road work, and the other to haul ore on a contract from the Duquesne mine.

A Sunday school has been organized at Duquesne, with the school teacher, Mrs. Persis D. Coombs as superintendent. A very good attendance and considerable interest is reported.

Good word continues to come from the Blue Eagle in Alum Guich, which recently came into the ore from a cross-cut from a winze down over 100 feet. The work is being done on the "Lepy" claim, owned by Harry Stevens.

J. R. Coleman, a mining man from Mexico, and the southwest in general, has been in the Patagonia country this week, looking over different properties. He is very well pleased with the mineral showing of this district, and may decide to make an investment here.

Mr. Schimmerhorn, an engineer who has been examining the Three L group, adjoining the Blue Nose in Harshaw district, is reported to be pleased with the property, and is expected to make a favorable report. This is a lead silver proposition, and is owned principally by Judge M. Marsteller of Nogales.

The board of trustees of the Patagonia schools have not as yet selected teachers for the coming term, but are expected to do so within the next few days. It is probable that four teachers will be chosen for next term, as the growth of the district has been such within the last few months that four teachers will be required to handle the increasing number of children.

Jeff Rountree, the newly-married well borer, who is now working in the San Rafael valley, expects to make a trip to Douglas Sunday, in his car, taking Mrs. H. T. Wilson and son Rodney, who will remain in the Smelter City with Mr. Wilson, employed on the Douglas Dispatch.

The Hardsell, being operated by Geo. B. Hosier and associates, has about 100 tons of high grade lead-silver carbonates and galena ore, which has been taken from old stops and new ground, and is now lying on the 300 level, preparatory to being binned. Ten men are working the mine, and new development faces are being pushed.

J. E. Masters, who has charge of the Burro in the Tyndall district, was in Patagonia few days this week, making arrangements for the disposal of ore from the Burro. He says development of the property will be continued. The tunnel is now in over 300 feet with very gratifying results. Mr. Masters also has control of the Joplin, adjoining the Burro.

Howard Keener, a farmer in the San Rafael valley, who recently purchased a large tank from an El Paso firm, and when it arrived in Patagonia the freight charges amounted to more than the value of the tank, has received a satisfactory settlement from the firm, which rebated Mr. Keener an amount sufficient to induce him to accept the tank.

THREE R MINE DEAL.

The sale of the Three R mine, made last week at Tucson, through C. C. Sanders, was for \$500,000, one third of which is to be placed in the bank to cover the third interest claimed by the Heney interests, and will be paid to them in case they eventually win their case. It will go to Richardson with the other two-thirds in case Richardson wins.

The \$500,000 is to be paid in payments extending over a long period, and as the payments are made one-third of each will be placed in the bank to cover the Heney claim. A. E. Crepin and Ed. F. Bohlinger do not own any interest in the time.—Patagonian.

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